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Transfers to Library of Michigan

by Carey L. Draeger
Public Information Officer

State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau announced that the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) and the Library of Michigan coordinated the transfer of AccessMichigan's administrative duties to the Library of Michigan which took effect on March 31, 2000. AccessMichigan is created a digital information environment that offers every resident of the state equitable and easy-to-use access through their library to a core set of information sources.

The Library of Michigan is working with the Michigan Library Consortium to ensure a smooth transfer of AccessMichigan's administrative duties from one agency to the other. "I am impressed with the work that has already been completed on AccessMichigan," said Brandau. "The enthusiasm shown for the AccessMichigan project since its inception, both by the library community and by our patrons, clearly indicates we are on the right track in providing this service throughout Michigan. The consolidation of AccessMichigan functions in one location will only enhance our ability to assist libraries in meeting the growing and challenging needs of all our patrons."

Brandau added that she and the library community were grateful to MLC for the consortium's groundbreaking work on AccessMichigan's inception. "MLC proved invaluable as an incubator for the project," she said.

The Library of Michigan will continue to contract with MLC to provide training and support for AccessMichigan. Libraries with questions that relate to registration for the databases, IP recognition, database access, and other support issues should contact MLC at 800-530-9019. Brandau reiterated that AccessMichigan will continue to be easy to access, to grow and to expand in the years ahead.

In another related event, Brandau announced that a new statewide database resources administrator was hired to oversee AccessMichigan and other database-related programs. "We just welcomed Rebecca Cawley on board," said Brandau. "She is a well-known and respected member of the library community."

In her role as director of the Northland Library Cooperative, Cawley helped secure over one million dollars in federal grants to bring Internet access to all rural libraries in the Northland service area. She also consulted regularly with member libraries about issues such as circulation systems, millages, building projects and long-range planning for several library boards.



Notes from the State Librarian



I was asked recently to help judge letters in a contest on "How the library has changed my life." It was a treat to read notes from young and old as they relayed the impact their hometown library had on their lives. One of my favorites came from a little boy from Fairgrove District Library who wrote in a child's scrawl: "When I came in, I saw the book I wanted. Then I went to go get it and I couldn't reach the book, so the librarian helped me. That's why I like to come to the library."

That's good library service in a nutshell. We have information that our customers want. And if the customer can't "reach" it, we'll help them.

Several of the themes developed by the Preferred Futures Conference last fall emphasize our commitment to the good library service referred to by the young Fairgrove customer:

- Stable, equitable funding for libraries is important if we are to continue to provide the books and information that our customers need.
- Excellent library staff, and enough staff is crucial to good library service. The library staff needs to be knowledgeable and customer oriented (in addition to being able to reach needed books!).
- Equitable access to information in all formats is essential. If some libraries in the state can afford to provide needed information and some cannot, we are all the poorer. This is why AccessMichigan and MEL are such vital resources.
- Community centered libraries that provide traditional library service are still relevant in the digital era. A common theme in the letters I read included the idea of the library as an important **place** in the community.

In addition to getting acquainted with the Library of Michigan, I've been visiting libraries and cooperatives and meeting library people from all over the state. My overwhelming first impression is of a library community that wants to work together and provide the best library service possible. I believe that my job is to help you help your customers "reach" whatever book—or information—they need.

Christie Pearson Brandau

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Cawley received the Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference Technology Award in 1999 for her work with computers and libraries and the Michigan Library Association's Walter H. Kaiser Award in 1995.

Prior to her work with the Northland Library Cooperative Cawley served as the assistant head of statewide services at the Maryland State Library. Cawley received her master of library sciences degree from the University of Maryland—College Park.

"In my new position, I'll continue to work to insure that Michigan residents have access to the best on-line information resources available," Cawley said. She begins her new position on June 26, 2000.

Library of Michigan Receives Keppel Award

By Naomi Krefman
Federal Programs Manager

We have done it again—this is the 6th year and 4th consecutive time the Library of Michigan has been awarded the Keppel Award. The Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Data, a cooperative program of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), presents the Keppel Award annually. It is given to state library agencies that have excelled in the completeness, promptness and high quality of the local public library data that they collect, edit and submit annually to NCES. The national public library data, including individual library data and state summaries, is made available by NCES in diskette form.

Subsequent-year recipients usually receive a brass plate engraved with the year to add to the first-year award, a working abacus. This year the Library received another abacus that was presented to Dianne Odobina, Legislative Council Administrator, who served as the interim state librarian during the time period that the statistics were collected.

Deleta Fyan Continuing Education Award Winners

The Fyan Continuing Education Awards, which are available to librarians and library staff from Class I-IV libraries, provide up to \$300 to be used at any suitable education center of the applicant's choosing. The awards pay for course fees and books. Travel expenses, however, are not eligible. The next deadline for applications is July 15, 2000. Awards will be announced July 1, 2000. The April 2000 winners of the awards were recently announced at the April 18th board meeting of the Library of Michigan Foundation. They are:

Ruth Ann Steffan
Ashley District Library
Marlena Arras
Charlotte Community Library
Kathy Wedyke
Deckerville Public Library
Sarah Smith
Harrison Community Library
Donna Alward
Houghton Lake Public Library
Susan K. Dooley
Idlewild Public Library
Donna Dlugie
Lawton Public Library
James P. McDonald
Rudyard School Public Library

If you would like an application or have questions about the Fyan Continuing Education Award, please contact Deleta Ruttan at 517-373-2977 or you may email her at druttan@libofmich.lib.mi.us

May I Introduce You To . . .



Representative Gerald Van Woerkom, a new member of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees? Representative Van Woerkom is a Michigan native, born and raised in Muskegon, the area he also represents to the Michigan Legislature. Van Woerkom was first elected in November 1998 to the House of Representatives after a long career as a school teacher. "I served for 28 years in the field of Christian education as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and superintendent," Van Woerkom said. "After my retirement in June 1997 at the age of 50, I decided to explore other areas of service."

Van Woerkom received a bachelor of arts degree in world history from Calvin College and his master of arts degree in education from the University of Michigan. He quickly put his education to work as a social studies teacher and a coach in basketball, volleyball and track at Godwin Christian School in Wyoming, Michigan. He later moved to Calvin Christian Junior High School and then to Unity Christian High School in Hudsonville, Michigan, where he taught history and church history and served as the assistant principal from 1982 to 1985. At Muskegon Christian School in Muskegon, Van Woerkom was the elementary school principal for 5 years and the high school principal for 4. During the 3 years before his retirement (1994 to 1997), Van Woerkom was the superintendent of both the high school and elementary school.

Van Woerkom also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher and elder at the Calvin Christian Reformed Church, a member of board #63 of the Selective Service System, a fund-raiser for the Muskegon Christian Schools and as a coach for basketball and soccer teams in recreational leagues.

As the state representative for the 91st District, Van Woerkom is the assistant majority whip. His committee assignments include Great Lakes and Tourism (VC), Economic Development, Education and Insurance and Financial Institutions.

Van Woerkom's family includes his wife, Valerie, and five children: Michael, Angela, Joel, Gregory and Matthew.

Library of Michigan Installs Kiosk System

By Lisa VanOstran
Business Services

The Library of Michigan has installed a new touch-screen kiosk directory system for visitors. Four kiosks are located at the entrances of the first and second floors of the Library. The system allows visitors to receive information about the Library of Michigan and the services it provides. Maps of the building and the downtown Lansing area are included to assist visitors in navigating their way around. For example, someone can locate the Law Library or the genealogy collection without ever walking away from the kiosk.

The second phase of this project incorporated the building meeting room schedule by installing a monitor above the Welcome Center located on the south side of the first floor. The monitor displays all meetings held in the building each day. Questions regarding the kiosk system should be directed to Lisa VanOstran at (517) 373-1293 or by email at lvanostr@libofmich.lib.mi.us.



TECH time

By Paul Groll, Director
Network and Information Systems

*A darkened room. A monitor glows. Distant birdsong.
A telephone rings.*

Dana: Hello, Help Desk, this is Dana.

Kelly: Hi, Dana, it's Kelly. I have only one thing to say: HELP!

D: What's up?

K: I know I shouldn't wait until I'm desperate to call, but now I am. I spent about 15 hours last month working on a project report for Jane, and. . . (sighs)

D: And now you can't find it?

K: I can't find it anywhere.

D: Let's start at the beginning. Which application did you use for this file?"

K: Microsoft WORD, on Windows NT.

D: No matter which version, it's most likely a '.doc' file. Do you know the name prefix?

K: Name prefix?

D: Yes, the name of the file to the left of the dot. See, computers deal with what we call the FQN - fully qualified name. This name always consists of three parts - the Network Resource Identifier, the prefix, and the suffix, or extension.

K: Whoa, this sounds way too much like grammar class!

D: Well, really, it IS a form of grammar, or at least a very formal syntax.

Standard syntax rules for naming files are at the heart of any network filing system. We need the conventional syntax for naming files, or we'd never find anything we save.

K: OK, but how does that help me now?

D: For starters, we'll make a strong assumption that your filename ends with the '.doc' suffix. We'll next assume we have a short list of network resource identifiers. That makes our search a lot easier.

K: Wait a minute—what is this network resource thing? I don't recall ever using one of those. I think I'd remember!

D: Sorry. That's probably too much geek-speak. As a user, you usually just know this as a drive letter, or maybe as a folder on a drive.

K: Now I get it. You're talking about my network folder,

N:\shared\kelly\docs, right?

D: Exactly. If you saved the file with a name prefix of, say, Critical Report For Jane, then the fully qualified name would be: N:\shared\docs\kelly\criticalReportForJane.doc

K: But that's not the name I used and that won't find the doc. Now what?

D: Now we start a series of simple steps to check and see where it might be. First, click Start|Documents—if it is a doc you opened recently, it'll be in the immediate document list.

K: I already looked there—all my work from last week is there, but nothing earlier.

D: Here's a trick. If for some reason you've saved a doc to unusual location, we may be able to find it. With Word running, select File|New, then File|SaveAs. If you've changed your default Save location, that's the folder that will appear in the SaveAs dialogue.

K: Cool trick! I didn't know that one.

D: Is it there? Are we that lucky?

K: Nope.

D: Let's try the catch-all. Select Start|Find|Files or Folders and we'll use the more powerful search functions.

K: Done. It's on screen.

D: Let's take advantage of one of the most powerful and underused features of this tool—date-range searching. Your case is an excellent example, as you know when you created the file. Set up the search dialogue like this:

Start|Find|Files or Folders, then Named = '*.doc', Look in = 'My Computer', check Include Subfolders, then click the 'Date' tab.

In the Date tab, check Find all files, and select Created. Ne check "during the previous" and enter "60" in the "days" field. Now click Find Now.

You'll get a dialogue window that should begin to fill with files matching them as they are found.

K: Yes! There it is! We found it!

D: What is it called? Was it a name you remember now?

K: Thanks a lot, Dana. This was quite helpful. You've saved me a ton of rewriting.

D: It's my pleasure. What name did you find your document file under?

K: Oh, it was. . . Oh, well. (sighs) Rats, I didn't want to tell you.

D: That's fine. I was just curious.

K: It was named: N:\shared\docs\kelly\CRITICAL\ dontYouDareLoseThisKelly.doc

D: (giggles) Goodbye, Kelly.

K: (sheepishly) Thanks, Dana. Talk to you soon.

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State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau and Lansing Postmaster Timothy J. Holmes cohosted Lansing, Michigan's first one-day issue event in over 4 years on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center Rotunda. A new stamp commemorating the Library of Congress bicentennial was unveiled at 10:00 a.m. Speakers at the event included State Librarian Brandau, Postmaster Holmes and Sandra S. Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center.

During her speech, State Librarian Brandau noted the Library of Congress not only wanted to celebrate its bicentennial but also to celebrate the nation's libraries. "Libraries, including the Library of Michigan and the Library of Congress play a critical role in promoting the exchange of ideas in a free society and are valued and used by people," she said. "Did you know that according to a 1988 Gallup poll, 2 out of 3 Americans have library cards and use them? According to that same poll, all of those surveyed believe libraries will continue to exist despite the growing availability of computers."

Postmaster Holmes offered some behind-the-scenes information about the new Library of Congress stamp. "The commemorative stamp features the interior dome of the Library of Congress' main reading room," he explained. "Ethel Kessler, whose previous work for the post office includes the breast cancer awareness stamp, served as art director for the design of this stamp."

The Library of Congress stamp was officially released at the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building in Washington, D.C. on April 24, the Library of Congress Bicentennial date. Jay Smith, community relations representative for the Lansing post office, explained that when a new stamp is issued by the USPS, it is initially offered for sale in one city on the first day and then throughout the country on the second day and thereafter.

According to Kathy Woodrell of the LOC Bicentennial Office, over 36,000 stamps and 3,000 commemorative coins were sold Monday at the Library of Congress first-day issue event. Envelopes (known in stamp-collecting circles as "covers") marked with the new stamp on the first-day issue or second-day issue are known as "first-day" or "second-day" covers. Marnie Jensen, the Library of Michigan's graphics designer, worked with the post office to create a special cancellation stamp in time for the Library of Michigan's event. It features an image of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, the date of the event and the words "Celebration Station" underneath. Nearly 150 of the commemorative second-day covers were given out to participants.

If you would like more information about a second-day issue event, contact Kathy Woodrell at kwoo@loc.gov or visit the

First LSTA Open House A Success

By Janet Laverty, Manager
Business Services

The first Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Open House was held at the Library of Michigan on February 25, 2000.

Attendees from across Michigan came to hear about successful LSTA subgrants from those who conducted the projects. All types of libraries were represented including public, school, academic and special libraries.

The afternoon began with comments from special guest Betsy Sywetz, Deputy Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). As a representative of the federal agency that administers LSTA, she addressed the attendees about the transition of the federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to IMLS, the goals and activities they are involved in, and future developments for the federal office. IMLS' primary responsibility is to strengthen museums and libraries in their service to the public.

Twenty past LSTA subgrant administrators participated in the open house by making presentations about their projects and then talking individually with attendees. They shared their strategies and ideas about how to have a successful project from the beginning through completion and how to sustain continued support of the project. Project topics included automating local collections, participating in resource sharing, puppets that teach about disabilities, building a music collection, and services to children.

The finale was a presentation of *Tales of Tricks and Trouble: A Lively Rendition of Four Folktales* by Wild Swan Theatre. The tales were presented in a story theater format as the actors seamlessly wove storytelling with live action. Cleverly designed props, costumes, masks and puppets helped the two-member cast create the thirty characters of the four stories. The play was performed in American Sign Language and spoken English; the signing was integrated into the production.



May

- 21-26 Beginning Workshop Petoskey, LM
- 22 FirstSearch: Advanced Searching Techniques (please note the change of date for this class),MLC
- 23 MARC: An Introduction,MLC
Library Success in the New World, OCLC Users
Council Worldwide Virtual Meeting, MLC
- 24 OCLC ILL Advanced, MLC
- 31 Descriptive Cataloging: Monographs,MLC



For more information about the Library of Michigan (LM) or Library of Michigan Foundation (LMF) events, call 517-373-1300, or visit the website at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>; for more information about the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC), call 517-694-4242, or visit the website at <http://mlc.lib.mi.us>; and for more information about the American Library Association, call ALA Membership Customer Service at 800-545-2433, press 6, or visit the website at <http://www.ala.org>.

June

- 1 OCLC Users Day, E. Lansing, MLC
- 2 Cataloging of Sound Recordings, Videos, and DVDs,MLC
- 5 Electronic Serials Cataloging Location: Cornerstone University, GR AccessMichigan Basics,MLC
- 7 OCLC Union Listing, MLC
- 9 HTML Boot Camp, MLC
- 13 OCLC ILLME for Windows,MLC
- 14 Rare Books Cataloging, MLC
- 15 Cataloging Internet Resources,MLC
- 16 MLC Annual Meeting, E. Lansing
- 17 The Abrams Genealogy Series : Ontario Records,LM
- 20 OCLC Searching Basic, MLC
- 22 CAT ME for Windows,MLC
- 23 OCLC ILL Basics,MLC
- 27 Maps Cataloging, MLC
- 29 Legal Resources on the Internet,MLC

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- 6-12 American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 26 Mahoney Children's Workshop, Freedom Hill County Park, Sterling Heights, LMF

OCLC Users Day

By Ruth Dukelow
Michigan Library Consortium

On June 1,2000, the Michigan Library Consortium will host an OCLC Users Day eve at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. This special program will be an opportunity for Michigan OCLC users to hear updates on OCLC services and to discuss OCLC service issues with their peers and with OCLC staff. George Needham, vice president, member services, will present an update on OCLC's governance structure. Other speakers will include Sonya Oliver (reference services), Tony Melvyn (resource sharing), and Glenn Patton (cataloging and tech services) from OCLC, as well as MLC staff members Randy Dykhuis and Jolee Miller. At lunch, there will be discussion tables for each of the service areas.

Register online at MLC's web site:

<http://www.mlc.lib.mi.us/cal/000601.htm>

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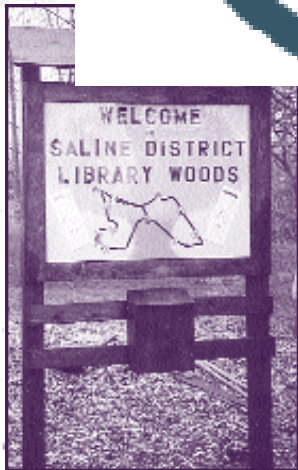
The staff of the Willard Library in Battle Creek was nominated last fall for a *Battle Creek Enquirer* contest that recognizes people who provide helpful, cheerful service. Willard Library Director Rick Hulsey accepted the award in the name of his staff. Battle Creek resident Kenneth Hand nominated the staff for the award, stating, "Never have I needed assistance or information that the staff of Mr. Hulsey have not jumped in and did what I'd call an excellent job of servicing the need. The service of the staff of Willard Library is, in my terms, exemplary. It takes a terrific leadership to get the staff to respond as they do at Willard."

A Dog's World

Van Buren District Library opened its doors to its first canine patron—Cooper, a yellow Labrador retriever puppy. The dog visited the Webster Memorial Library in Decatur as part of its training to become a leader dog for the blind. As a leader dog, Cooper must be comfortable in a variety of everyday situations. To help him to public places, his foster parent took him to the library.



Nature walkers on the Saline District Library's Woodland Trail now enjoy additional benefits: a wooden guide rail erected through the first half of the trail, "touch and feel" site markers and audio tapes with accompanying brochures to guide users along the path. Seven students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment helped upgrade the 1,800-foot interpretive trail to make it available to a wide range of users, including people with vision impairments. The project was expected to be completed



Expands

The Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan recently teamed up to expand the Library's online card catalog system, ANSWER. The catalog now includes records and information from approximately 750 manuscripts held in the State Archives collections. This marks the first time that the Library of Michigan has entered into an agreement with another state agency to provide information through ANSWER other than records, books and other documents held by the Library. The Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan are both housed in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, which set the stage for the library to extend its ANSWER system to the State Archives.

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